What are you doing with your life that will last forever?

What does God use to produce great worship, spiritual growth, fulfillment, lasting joy, and closeness in our friendships?

Goal:

Live THE MISSION on four levels: personal, small group, church, and world wide.

How to live THE MISSION:

Love God.

Matthew 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

- ³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
- ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.
- ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
- ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

- ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- **1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- **2 Corinthians 5:14** For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died:
- ¹⁵ and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.
- ¹⁷ Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
- ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love the lost.

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

- ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.
- ¹⁴ And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

- ¹⁵ Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.
- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- ¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

Romans 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

- ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.
- ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

- ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.
- ³ For not knowing about God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.
- ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- **2 Timothy 1:6** And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.
- ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,
- ⁹ who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,
- but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
- ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.
- ¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

Expect some disrespect.

Share the good news.

(through an invitation, your personal story, the gospel)

Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

- ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- 11 ...we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
- Acts 8:1 And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- ² And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.
- ³ But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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